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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 25-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 and 25-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 3/16/2009 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Claims 10-11 rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been withdrawn.

The objection to specification has been withdrawn.

The main part of Applicant's argument is that the second reference "Marko" fails to teach the operation is based on a selection of information displayed on said display at a relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display as determined coincident with said signal, and wherein said operation is based on a content of said selection of information displayed on said display.

Examiner's interpretations: the size of the display area is based on a selection of information displayed. In view of figs. below: DPL1 is the display area that Marko teaches.

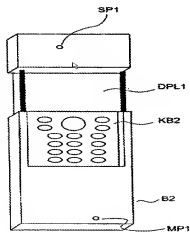


Fig. 14

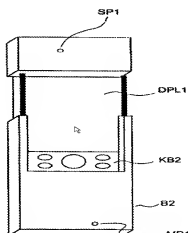


Fig. 15

Marko at [0023] clearly disclosed that the first opened configuration (fig. 14), the mobile station can be used for tasks that require a more complete keyboard, but not necessarily more display surface, for example in dialing a telephone number or typing a text message, (i.e. based on the selection of information displayed) In the second opened configuration (fig. 15), the mobile station can be used for tasks requiring an extended display. Therefore, Marko teaches the operation is based on a selection of information displayed on said display at a relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display as determined coincident with said signal, and wherein said operation is based on a content of said selection of information displayed on said display. Since claims 8, 16 and 25 recite limitations similar to that of claim 1, as presented above, and are rejected with similar reasons as set forth in claim 1.

Applicant on pages 11-12 argues similar to arguments as presented above.

Applicant on page 13 argues that claim 25 recites that the processor is operable to reposition the plurality of graphical elements responsive to the position of the sliding component. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to recognize that the mobile station shown in figs. 14-15 that comprises a keyboard, display area must contain a processor/controller to display graphical elements using the inputting interface as a keyboard. On the other hand, the first reference Matti has shown in fig. 2 a controller #16 that connected to a display #26.

Applicant on page 13 argues regarding the limitations recited in claim 2 that “a visual configuration of data rendered on the display”.

Examiner’s reply: Marko in figs. 14 and 15 teaches a visual configuration of data, e.g., a telephone number rendered on the display.

Applicant at the bottom of page 13 argues regarding limitations of claim 3, Examiner replies that the two references teach wireless mobile stations.

Examiner replies regarding Applicant's arguments on page 14 (claim 4), it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to recognize that the mobile stations of the two references can communicate with another device that can be considered as an external or another mobile station.

Applicant on page 14 argues regarding claim 11 that Matti in view of Marko fails to teach the operation is a display of related additional information to the portion of the information.

Examiner replies that the operation is a display of related additional information to the portion of the information. Matti on page 3 paragraph 0029 teaches the part of display #26 (fig. 1a) exposed will show, e.g., a phone number dialed by the user, as well as other communication information.

Applicant argues on page 15 regarding claim 12 limitations that the selection is via a key. Matti in figs. 1a and 1b illustrates preprinted key signs #36 and Marko in figs. 14-15 illustrates KB2 as a keyboard.

For the reasons mentioned above, the previous rejections are still maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-20, 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uusimäki Matti EP 1 107 101 A2, hereinafter Matti, and in view of Eromäki Marko et al. EP 1 051 012 A2, hereinafter Marko.

Regarding Independent claim 1, Matti teaches a portable electronic device comprising: a processor module comprising a processor and a display for displaying one or more objects (see paragraph [0005], and fig. 1a), wherein each object activates one of a plurality of actions executable by said processor module (i.e. noted in fig. 2 “controller” #16); a sliding component moveably coupled to said processor module, wherein said sliding component is operable to slide relative to said display, and wherein said sliding component is further operable to accept at least one button input from a user (Matti in [0030] on page 3 teaches and the surface 14a is used as an input from a user); a sensing device (e.g. in [0031] on page 4 a slide position switch 25 in fig. 2) coupled to said processor module and to said sliding component for providing detecting a relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display (i.e. noted that Matti on page 3 [0029] teaches a part of the display 26 to show e.g., a phone number, see fig. 1a #26);

Matti is silenced teaching a module for performing an operation in response to a signal, indicating that said one button input was pressed wherein said operation is based on a selection of information displayed on said display at a relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display as determined coincident with said signal, and wherein said operation is based on a content of said selection of information displayed on said display.

Marko teaches a module for performing an operation in response to a signal (i.e. noted in col. 3 lines 10-13 page 3), indicating that said one button input was pressed (Marko teaches a use of moving element allows an adjustable display that would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to recognize it an action of pressing a button). Marko at [0023] clearly disclosed that the first opened configuration (fig. 14), the mobile station can be used for tasks that require a more complete keyboard, but not necessarily more display surface, for example in dialing a telephone number or typing a text message. (i.e. based on the selection of information displayed) In the second opened configuration (fig. 15), the mobile station can be used for tasks requiring an extended display. Therefore, Marko teaches the operation is based on a selection of information displayed on said display at a relative position of said sliding component with respect to said display as determined coincident with said signal, and wherein said operation is based on a content of said selection of information displayed on said display.

Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teachings of Marko's device that provides a user interface with a set of keys and a display e.g., in fig. 14 KB2 into Matti's device in fig. 1a with sliding cover of 14a.

Regarding dependent claim 2, "the portable electronic device of claim 1, wherein said operation is a visual configuration of data rendered on said display." Examiner's interpretation: a display switch for changing a size of the display area is considered as the operation for visual configuration, see Matti teaches in fig. 2 #25. It is obvious that data rendered/displayed on the display.

Regarding dependent claim 3, “the portable electronic device of claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said operation is an initiation of communication with another device using said wireless transmitter.” Matti teaches in figs. 1 illustrate a wireless transmitter.

Regarding dependent claim 4, “the portable electronic device of claim 1, further comprising a wireless transmitter, and wherein said operation is an initiation of communication with an external device, using said wireless transmitter.” Examiner’s interpretation regarding the term “an external device”, the wireless transmitter is transmitting signal and it has to be an external receiver receiving the signal. Matti teaches in [0004] page 2.

Regarding claim 5, the portable electronic device as described in claim 1. Matti and Marko do not specifically disclose the sensing device is a non-contact sensor device. However, Examiner takes an official notice that such feature as recited is very well known feature in the art (see Examiner’s notes).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the above teachings of Matti and Marko for providing the type of sensor as claimed, for using either optical or electromagnetic switch in one or both side of a sliding cover in order to have an ability to switch on/off the display without using an extra key bottom.

Regarding dependent claim 6, Matti teaches in fig. 1a #14.

Regarding dependent claim 7, “the portable electronic device of claim 1, Matti teaches wherein said signal is initiated from said sliding component by pressing on an input key residing

on said sliding component (e.g., p. 2 paragraph 0007 and in figs. 1a and 1b illustrates the claimed invention.

Claims 8 -10 recite method steps performed by the apparatus of claims 1-3; therefore they are similar in scope and rejected under the same rationale basis as in claims 1-3. Regarding claim 10's limitation i.e. an execution of an application program, Matti teaches in the abstract that the touch sensitive slide is adaptable for use as a mouse or a drawing table together with the display of the communications device, which enables for windows-based word and data processing and graphical applications.

Regarding dependent claim 11, "wherein said action is a display of related additional information to said portion of said information". See rejection of claim 1.

Regarding dependent claim 12, "a method as described in claim 8 wherein said selection is via a key." Matti in fig. 1a illustrates the limitation.

Regarding claim 13, Matti teaches in figs. 1a and 1b.

Regarding claim 14, Marko illustrates a MP1 in fig. 15 that considered being a sliding cover comprises a microphone.

Regarding claim 15, the method as described in claim 8. Marko teaches the sliding cover comprises a speaker, e.g., fig. 11 "SP1" i.e. speaker1.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the above teachings of Marko into Matti for providing a method as claimed, for using a speaker on a sliding cover in order to have an ability to use (communicate) the handheld without sliding or opening the cover.

Claims 16-20 recite a computer readable medium containing executable instructions for executing the method of claims 8-11. It is obvious to have a medium configured to store or transport computer readable code in a computer system. For example compact disc has been included and used in the computer systems since 1990s or magnetic data storage devices have been used since 1980s.

Claims 25-29 recite an electronic device. It is obvious to have the electronic device as a portable electronic device as recited in claim 1. Claims 25 is rejected with the same reasons as set forth in claim 1, above. Regarding claim 26, Matti teaches in fig. 2 #25. Claim 27 is rejected with respect to controller #16 in fig. 2 and the display #26. Claim 28 is obvious because the sliding part is operated by the user. Claim 29 is rejected with similar reasons as set forth in claim 1, above.

Examiner's notes: The following arts contained the well-known feature of "non-contact sensor":

1. **Non-Contact Sensor For Servo Track Writer - Company Business and Marketing.** Larry Sato, Year 2000, see detecting principle on first page.
2. **US 2002/0135384 A1, Sep. 26, 2002, see [0001] and [0016].**
3. **US 6,467,369 B1, Mann et al. Oct. 22, 2002, see col. 2 lines 30-33.**
4. **US 5,990,807, Cloutier et al. Nov. 23, 1999, see abstract.**

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JAVID A. AMINI whose telephone number is (571)272-7654. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kee Tung can be reached on 571-272-7794. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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